

WORLD'S GREATEST FISH FIRM PLANNED

A very large fish company is in formation in St. John's. It is a gigantic undertaking, and if once established will be the greatest of its kind in the world, says the Canadian Fisherman. The company is being formed by the "Fishermen's Protective Union," a large political body embracing upwards of 20,000 Newfoundland fishermen. This company will primarily be an exportation concern. The ultimate aim of the company is, to secure the monopoly of the exportation of the fishery produce. Prices quoted as heretofore by merchants will be overruled by the company, which will be in a position to name its own market price. The formation of such an organization emanated from the fluctuations which have always, and greatly so, accompanied the sale of our fish. The fishermen have asserted that these changes in fish prices are very often manipulated by the local merchant at the expense of the helpless fisherman. This unprecedented procedure of making the fishermen their own exporters is being agitated by W. Coaker, who has pointed out the advantage to be secured in demanding en masse higher prices. Mr. Coaker is president of this new company. Its capital will be approximately one million dollars. The bulk of the shares will be purchasable only by the fishermen. The large property owned by "Silver" of Halifax, has we believe, with all the apparatus for fish curing been purchased by this company, who intend transferring it this spring to Catalina Newfoundland, where the headquarters will be located. As a part of the business a plant will be erected on Labrador, where fish will be dried, barreled and marked thence. Already the company has ordered about 10,000 herring barrels, which it intends packing with herring and marketing.

SEINERS TELL OF BIG STOCKS

A letter written by one of the crew of sch. Lottie G. Merchant, Capt. Ralph Webber, says that the vessel has stocked \$5800 clear, to date on her seining trip to the southward. The same letter adds that sch. Arthur James, Capt. John Matheson, stocked \$6000 clear of the market on the first trip, which is supposed to be the highest stock ever made from a single trip.

Portland Fish News.

Owing to the falling off in the catch the fleet of steam netters which have been fishing out of Portland for the past two months are now hauling off to make arrangements for seining for pollock and herring. The Joanna and several others of the western owned crafts have gone home to make the change in their rigs, while the Alice will be taken to Boothbay to fit out.

Bait and Ice Reports.

Souris, May 5—East Point reports ice, eastern coast large quantities of loose ice, lobster rope, now out. St. Peter's steamer off Souris today in loose ice no bait. Amherst Harbor, May 5—Pleasant Bay filled with ice, easterly wind prevailing keeps ice in, few herring reported at Etangdunord.

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MONARCH MADE TWO QUICK TRIPS

From letters received here yesterday from the seining fleet, it was learned that sch. Monarch, Capt. John Seavy, had landed two trips of fish at New York in as many days. The vessel was in Wednesday with 7000, made a quick "get-away," and returned Thursday with 10,000 more. It was thought here at first that the two trips mentioned in the dispatches were one, but later reports show that Capt. Seavy and his men did a hustle and landed the quickest trip of the season.

Steel Fish-Transportation Cars.

The Department of Commerce has arranged to purchase from the Harlan & Hollingsworth Corporation, of Wilmington, Delaware, at a cost of \$18,987, an all-steel fish-distributing railway car, for use in connection with work of the Bureau of Fisheries. The car has a length of 65 feet over all and is of the most modern type of steel construction, fully equipped for movement on fast passenger trains. Among the peculiar structural features of the car are refrigerating tanks for carrying live fish, tanks for the storage of water, and a steam boiler for heating the car and for furnishing power to operate the pumps required for the renewal and aeration of the water supply. There are living, dining and sleeping accommodations for a crew of five men, who make the car their home. A kitchen, boiler room, and a large refrigerator will be installed at one end of the car, while a suitable office has been provided at the other end.

The department fully appreciates the value and necessity of providing up-to-date equipment for the use in field operations of the various bureaus, and it is the intention to ask Congress for additional appropriations for steel cars to take the place of the five wooden cars now used by the Bureau of Fisheries, these having become worn out and obsolete and debarred by modern traffic regulations. In the annual distribution of food and game fish by the bureau the fish cars cover practically every State in the Union, and during 1914 traveled 131,156 miles.

TWO STEAMERS HAVE HERRING

Depleted Gill Netting Fleet Lands Only 15,000 Lbs. of Fish.

Two of the small steamers arrived here early this morning with fresh herring, the Nora B. Robinson having 75 barrels and the Gertrude, 40 barrels. Gill netting receipts continue to get smaller each day, the few crafts now remaining in the fishery having about 15,000 pounds fresh fish yesterday.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:
Str. Nora B. Robinson, seining, 75 bbls. fresh herring.
Str. Gertrude, seining, 40 bbls. fresh herring.
Str. Lorena, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Julia May, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Quartette, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 1400 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Orion, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Medomak, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Mary F. Curtis, Boston.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large \$4.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$2.75.
Georges halibut codfish, large \$4; medium, \$3.50.
Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$1.75
snappers, \$1.50.
Hake, \$1.50.
Haddock, \$1.75.
Pollock, \$1.75.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:
Haddock, \$1 per cwt.
Western cod, large, \$2; medium \$1.60; snappers, 75c.
Eastern cod, large, \$1.90; medium \$1.50; snappers, 75c.
All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than above.
Peak cod, \$1.80 for large; medium \$1.40.
Hake, \$1.
Cusk, large, \$1.50; medium, \$1.10; snappers, 50c.
Pollock, round, 80c; dressed, 90c.
Fresh halibut 11c per lb. for white, 8c for gray.
Fresh herring, \$2.50 per bbl. for bait, \$2 to freeze.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. James W. Parker, Ingomar and Agnes were at Shelburne, Wednesday and cleared.
Schs. Margaret and Clontonia cleared from Liverpool, Wednesday.
Sch. Georgianna reported and cleared from Lockeport, N. S., on Wednesday.

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EATING MORE FISH.

United States Consumption Exceeds 20 Pounds Per Capita.

In spite of the fact that there are great sections of the United States where fish is used sparingly, the output of American fisheries is as valuable as that of any country in the world. The total production in 1908, the largest year for which complete statistics are available, was somewhat in excess of 1,893,000,000 pounds. If to this are added a considerable excess of imports over exports and a reasonable increase in the catch since 1908, it seems likely that the per capita consumption in the United States now exceeds 20 pound a year.

This is not quite half the per capita consumption in Great Britain, but it is much larger than that of most countries and indicates a very large consumption in the districts where fish is looked upon as an essential part of the diet; so large, in fact, that in season of unusually heavy catches it is impossible to increase the consumption sufficiently to use up the surplus fish. At such times greater efforts are made to sell to the inland districts and, to some extent, abroad. With a view to assisting the exporters of American fish and fish products in their efforts to find an outlet abroad the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, of the Department of Commerce, has published a report entitled "European Markets for Fish."

According to this report our exports abroad heretofore have consisted principally of canned salmon—an American product that is favorably known throughout the entire world. The total exports of all kinds average about \$11,000,000 a year, and of this total, canned salmon is valued at \$7,000,000, 500,000, dried, smoked, cured and pickled fish at \$1,000,000, and shellfish at very nearly \$1,000,000. The war has, of course, made some difference in the exports. The most serious dislocation of the trade occurred immediately after the beginning of hostilities but later a good recovery was made and the value of exports since has been almost normal, canned salmon gaining and shellfish falling off. "European Markets for Fish" contains detailed import statistics for nearly every country in Europe and thus affords a means of determining the importance of each market and the kind of fish that finds the most favor. There statistics have been compiled from the original sources by the Bureau and are the most valuable features of the report. There are also complete statistics for the United States, including a very detailed table of American exports. The report is published as Miscellaneous Series No. 25, and may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington at 5 cents a copy.

Going Seining.

Steamers Naomi Bruce and Anna of the gill netting fleet will now fit in seining.

Going Seining.

Steamer Orion has concluded season in the gill net fishery and now engage in seining.

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TO REGULATE LABRADOR COD PRICE

Bill Before Newfoundland Assembly Framed to Aid Fishermen.

The St. John's, N. F., Trade Review has the following to say on a bill to regulate the price of Labrador fish:

A bill to regulate the price of Labrador fish has been introduced into the House of Assembly, and has reached as far as the committee stage at this writing. It is claimed by the promoters of the bill, and with considerable show of reason, that under existing circumstances, the fisherman does not always get full value for his produce, owing to the elastic interpretation of the words "Current Price," which are supposed to represent the ruling figure up and down the coast at the beginning of the shipping season in any given year. But the expression is deceptive, and has never been clearly defined.

A Fraud.

The good old hoary expression, "Current Price," has done service for a hundred years or more, and has had a respectable acceptance, notwithstanding that it has been a verbal swindle and a commercial fraud from the beginning. In its last analysis, "Current Price" has got to mean the figure decided on by two or three men supplying for the Labrador fishery without any regard for the interests or the opinions of the producers of the voyage. While we have progressed in other directions in Newfoundland, and while the square deal is in evidence in most of the business relations between producer and merchant, this commercial anachronism still persists and flourishes as successfully as it did in the days when "roll out in the spring and roll in in the fall" were in order.

Board Proposed.

We sympathize with the promoters of "Current Price" Bill, in their efforts to get a proper definition of this elusive phrase, but we fear that they have a hopeless task before them. They propose, we understand, to create a Central Board of three, who shall decide, each year, about the first of August, what the current price for Labrador fish shall be for that year. The Board will consist of a representative of the Board of Trade, a representative of the Fishermen's Union and a third to be appointed by both. This Board shall be guided in their decision each year by general economic conditions of foreign markets and the prospect of early shipment for first cargoes from the coast.

Difficult Task.

With all due respect to the gentleman interested, we make bold to say that they will never be able to fix "Current Price" for Labrador fish till after they have defined what constitutes "Labrador fish". As things stand at present, with no defined standards of quality, the proposed Board's "Current Price" will, we suppose, apply to every condition of fish from "water horse" to "shore make". The Board

will, for instance, lay it down hard and fast that Labrador fish shall be worth \$4.40; this will mean that the man who gives his fish one day's sun, will insist on getting as much for his goods as the man who gives it three or four days' sun.

Cull First.

We have every sympathy with the object in view, but, if our friends in the Assembly possess the common sense, we give them credit for, they will begin at the root of the difficulty and define standards of quality before they define price. If they do not, every cod's tail shipped from Labrador will be given the minimum drying period, and, as a result, half the cargoes shipped will have to be shovelled overboard before they are two days in warm Southern European countries. The absence of cull in shore fish has been the curse to that portion of the voyage; if the "Current Price" bill goes through on present lines, there will be no Labrador fishery in ten years from now.

Absurd Position.

Absence of laws to fix definite standards of quality is the basic trouble in all our fishery business, and until we make a change here, "Current Price" and similar regulations can never be effective. Let us propose an analogous case to demonstrate the absurdity of proceeding without defined standards of quality in the fish. Let us take the flour business in Canada. When the wheat crop is about ready, let us suppose that a Board, representing the wheat growers, the millers, and the flour distributors, meet and decide on making a price for flour for the ensuing year. Nothing wrong about that, you will say, as the chief interests are represented; but what would be said if grades were not defined, if "flour" was just flour, and the lowest quality and the highest quality quoted at the same figure. This would look absurd, but not a bit more absurd than our trying to fix "Current Price" for Labrador fish, without introducing standard quality.

FIVE SEINERS IN-- MANY NETTER

Fleet is Now on Fish Near New York Schools Rapidly Moving This Way-- Few Landed at Newport Today.

The seiners and netters struck the mackerel again last evening, the craft at New York this morning having a total of 61,000 fish which sold to the wholesalers at 22 cents and 16 cents apiece.

The arrivals in detail:

Seiners.

Sch. Victor, Capt. Douglass McLean, 7700 fresh mackerel.
Str. Lois H. Corkum, Capt. William Corkum, 15,000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Norma, Capt. John A. McKinnon, 15,000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. Ambrose Fleet, 7000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Nellie Dion, Capt. James Ellis, 6000 fresh mackerel.

Netters.

Sch. Sylvester, 1500 fresh mackerel.
Sch. W. H. Reed, 1300 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Pearl, 700 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Eliza W. Benner, 400 fresh mackerel.
Sch. On Time, 1100 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Lafayette, 600 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Mabel E. Leavitt, 400 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Mabel Bryson, 400 fresh mackerel.
E. H. Sneed, 200 fresh mackerel.
Azorian, 800 fresh mackerel.
Louis Totman, 200 fresh mackerel.
Lucy B. Winsor, 200 fresh mackerel.
Florida, 300 fresh mackerel.
Hawatha, 700 fresh mackerel.
W. H. Clements, 700 fresh mackerel.
Maxwell, 500 fresh mackerel.
Francis Willard, 100 fresh mackerel.

The fish are rapidly moving north, a few scattered ones being reported at Newport this morning. The fares of the Corkum and Mary E. Harty are the second landed by these crafts this spring, while the Norma is in with her third.

On the previous trip, steamer Lois H. Corkum counted out 25,470 fish, which brought \$4401.88 clear of the market.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith on her recent trip counted out 10,861 fish.

It is likely that some of the fleet will be headed back this way the latter part of next week and start for the Cape Shore to be on the grounds May 18, when the season begins there.

CAR OF JAP GREEN CODFISH HERE

First Shipment of Its Kind from Pacific Is for Booth Fisheries Co.

A carload of 25,000 pounds of Japanese "green" codfish arrived in this city yesterday from the Pacific coast, consigned to the local branch of Booth Fisheries Company. This is the first fish of this kind ever brought to this city and the success of placing in on the market will be watched with interest.

The fish was caught, it is understood, by Japanese fishermen in the Pacific and cured by them. It was received on the Pacific coast by Booth Fisheries Company and from there sent to this city. It will be packed here.

The receipt of this Japanese fish here goes to show from what market Gloucester now draws its principal products. Last November the Norwegian steamer Bauta landed a million and a half pounds of Iceland codfish at this port and now the first shipment has been received from the Orient.

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ONE SHORE FARE ALL AT BOSTON

Light receipts prevailed at the new pier this morning, one shore fare today being all that was reported in addition to four shore boats yesterday afternoon.

Wholesale quotations were \$4 a hundred for haddock, \$3 to \$3.25 large cod, \$2.50 for market cod, \$1.50 to \$3 for hake and \$2 for pollock.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

ARRIVALS AT BOSTON FISH PIER.

- Sch. Olivia Sears, 800 cod.
- Sch. Eva Avina, 1200 cod.
- Sch. Georgianna, 1200 cod.
- Sch. Marion, 1500 cod.
- Sch. Laura Enos, 1000 cod.
- Haddock, \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$3 to \$3.25, market cod, \$2.50; hake, \$1.50 to \$3; pollock, \$2.

STEAMERS HIT ON POLLOCK

Lena W. and Gertrude Found Fish Schooling Near New- buryport Bar.

Local fish receipts over Sunday were light, less than 20,000 pounds being brought in by the gill netters.

Yesterday steamers Lena W. and Gertrude landed on a school of pollock inside of Newburyport bar, which sold at the Fort. Sch. Little Fannie also had 35 barrels fresh herring.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Str. Lena W., seining, 15,000 lbs. fresh pollock.
- Str. Gertrude, seining, 9,000 lbs. fresh pollock.
- Sch. Little Fannie, seining, 35 bbls. fresh herring.

Sunday's Gill Netting Fares.

- Str. Julia May, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Lorena, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Quartette, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Medomak, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.

Saturday's Gill Netting Fares.

- Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Lorena, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Medomak, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. William A. Morse, drifting.
- Sch. Edith Silveria, haddocking.
- Sch. Esther Gray, haddocking.
- Sch. Lillian, shacking.
- Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, Cape North shacking.
- Sch. Volant, halibuting.
- Sch. Preceptor, halibuting.
- Steamer Philomena, Boston.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

- Handline Georges codfish, large, \$4.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$2.75.
- Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4; medium, \$3.50.
- Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.50.
- Hake, \$1.50.
- Haddock, \$1.75.
- Pollock, \$1.75.

Fresh Fish.

- Splitting prices:
- Haddock, \$1 per cwt.
- Western cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.60; snappers, 75c.
- Eastern cod, large, \$1.90; medium, \$1.50; snappers, 75c.

- All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than above.
- Peak cod, \$1.80 for large; medium, \$1.40.
- Hake, \$1.
- Cusk, large, \$1.50; medium, \$1.10; snappers, 50c.
- Pollock, round, 80c; dressed, 90c.
- Fresh halibut 11c per lb. for white, 8c for gray.
- Fresh herring, \$2.50 per bbl. for bait, \$2 to freeze.

DRIFTERS HAVE GOOD CATCHES

Sch. Elmer E. Gray Also at Boston with Fresh Hali- but Fare.

Quite a number of the fresh drifters were at the new pier this morning when trade opened for the week, the largest haul being sch. Hortense with 40,000 pounds fresh cod. Others to arrive are schs. Lucinda I. Lowell, 38,000 pounds; Margaret Dillon, 36,000 pounds; Alice, 39,000 pounds; Thomas Brundage, 34,000 pounds; Tacoma, 32,000 pounds; W. H. Moody, 36,000 pounds.

Others from off shore are steamers Wave, Foam and Spray; sch. Matthew S. Greer has 70,000 pounds mixed fish, the largest trip of the morning, while sch. Elmer E. Gray has 18,000 pounds fresh halibut and 30,000 pounds fresh cod. The halibut fare of the latter sold to the American Halibut Co. at 12 cents a pound for white and 10 cents for gray.

Wholesalers paid \$4 to \$4.50 a hundred pounds for haddock, \$2.50 to \$3 for large and \$1.50 to \$1.75 for market cod, \$1.50 to \$3 for hake, \$1.50 to \$2 for pollock.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Arrivals at Boston Fish Pier.

- Str. Wave, 42,000 haddock, 2200 cod.
- Str. Foam, 40,000 haddock, 3500 cod.
- Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 40,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 5000 cusk, 25,000 halibut.
- Sch. Elmer E. Gray, 30,000 cod, 18,000 halibut.
- Sch. Eleanora DeCosta, 39,000 haddock, 6000 cod.
- Sch. Mary C. Santos, 20,000 haddock, 9000 cod.
- Sch. Edith Silveria, 4000 haddock, 6000 cod.
- Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, 1500 haddock, 37,000 cod.
- Sch. Margaret Dillon, 500 haddock, 26,000 cod.
- Sch. Alice, 3000 haddock, 36,000 cod.
- Sch. Thomas Brundage, 1000 haddock, 33,000 cod.
- Sch. Hortense, 1500 haddock, 40,000 cod.
- Sch. Tacoma, 2000 haddock, 30,000 cod.
- Sch. W. H. Moody, 1500 haddock, 35,000 cod.
- Sch. Angie B. Watson, 11,000 cod, 7000 hake, 14,000 cusk.
- Sch. Rose Standish, 22,000 cod.
- Sch. Lochinvar, 5000 cod, 8000 hake, 15,000 cusk.

- Sch. Actor, 19,000 cod.
- Sch. Laura Enos, 1500 cod.
- Sch. Mary C, 1700 cod, 1500 hake, 1500 Str Spray.
- Haddock, \$4 to \$4.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50 to \$3; market cod, \$1.50 to \$1.75; hake, \$1.50 to \$3; pollock, \$1.50 to \$2.

Bait Reports

- Queensport, May 6.—Herring scarce today. No ice.
- Amherst Island, M. I., May 6.—Pleasant Bay filled with ice. Lots of bankers off south of Island. No bait reported.
- Souris, P. E. I., May 5.—East Point reports ice on Eastern coast, large quantities loose ice. Lobster rope now out at St. Peters. No bait.
- Souris, P. E. I., May 7.—Georgetown reports ice, Souris distant ice, East Point reports solid body drift ice, East and West. No bait.
- Amherst Harbor, M. I., May 7.—Pleasant Bay full of ice. No bait reported anywhere, except few herring at Etang du Nord. At West Point lots of ice yet around.
- Queensport, May 7.—Herring fair today. No ice.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

- Schs. Premier, Monitor, Elsie and Juno were at Canso, Thursday. Sch. Maxine Elliott cleared from there the same day for the Magdalenes.
- Sch. Ingomar cleared from Liverpool, Thursday.
- Schs. Ingomar, Arethusa and James W. Parker were at Shelburne, N. S., last week for dories.

Good Stock.

The sch. Preceptor, Capt. William McKay, stocked \$3,116.80, as the result of her 25 days' halibut trip, the crew sharing \$71.

Port aux Basques Weather.

Port aux Basques weather report today. Temperature 38, rainy; wind east, 20,4 miles.

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Medium Mackerel in Heath's Trap.

Mackerel have made their appearance on the North Shore, the first catch of the season being made by Heath Brothers' trap at Manchester. The fish were all medium size. At New York this morning, four more seiners and several netters were reported with fresh fares of mackerel. A dispatch to the Times says that the fish were taken 50 miles southeast of the Highlands of Navesink. It is presumed that they are mostly large, for the only quotations at New York were for large fresh mackerel, which were selling at 24 cents each.

The arrivals in detail are:

Seiners.

- Sch. Arthur James, Capt. John Matheson, 12,000 fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Monarch, Capt. John Seavy, 10,000 fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Constellation, Capt. Charles Maguire, 5000 fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, Capt. Ralph Webber, 3000 fresh mackerel.

Netters.

- R. B., 1400 fresh mackerel.
- Mertis H. Perry, 600 fresh mackerel.
- Paul Revere, 900 fresh mackerel.
- Motor, 1300 fresh mackerel.
- Favorite, 400 fresh mackerel.
- Julietta, 5500 fresh mackerel.
- George Turner, 1300 fresh mackerel.
- Blanche P. Irving, 1300 fresh mackerel.
- Golden Eagle, 400 fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Veda M. McKown, Capt. Fred Arritte, was at Lewes, Delaware, Friday, with a fare of 2200 fresh mackerel which were shipped to New York.

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ETHEL HIGH LINE GILL NETTER

Steamer Ethel, owned by Lufkin & Tarr, fresh fish dealers at the Port, is high line of the gill netting fleet of the season, now drawing to a close.

Since October 20 last, when the craft started fishing and concluding last Tuesday, the steamer stocked the fine sum of \$19,181, clear of shipping expense. The Ethel is in command of Capt. George Hill, who is every inch a hustler and has established a record in this branch of the fishery. The craft will now engage in seining.

Port aux Basques Weather.

Port aux Basques weather report today: Temperature 42, partly cloudy; wind southwest, eight miles; no rain.